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LOYOLA SUMMER BASKETBALL ENDS WEDNESDAY

Basketball -- a summer sport?

Indeed it has been in the Loyola College gymnasium this summer.

More than fifty high school and college athletes have been regular members of a six team Wednesday night league which started in June and terminates its schedule this Wednesday night.

This summer basketball program under Loyola's Varsity Coach Doug Daigneault started three years ago and continues to grow in success.

"We had our finest turnout this summer," says Daigneault whose Loyola Warriors went through an undefeated Ottawa St. Lawrence schedule last season before bowing in the league final to Calton University.

"I feel the only way for a basketball player to develop is to play year round," says Daignesult, "so we gladly opened our gym doors for boys who were interested and I have noticed a tremendous improvement in at least a dozen youngsters. We didn't start this program necessarily to develop players for our school. Naturally, some may turn up with us after they graduate from high school, but the idea of the program is mainly to promote the game in this area, develop native talent and is an integrated part in our continuing over all service to the community."

Some of the players have been so enthusiastic about the program they have turned out many afternoons in spite of the sunny, warm weather to practice.

Pierre Brodeur star player with Universite de Montreal Carabins last year is among the athletes taking advantage of the program. High School youngsters include Ralph Cohen, and Irwin Abrahams of Wagar High, Peter Ryan and Mark Wingo-San of Montreal High, Robert Taukhmanian of St. Thomas, John Robertson of Town of Mount Royal, Bob Wanderburg of Malcolm Campbell and Dave Cavanaugh of John F. Kennedy, have been outstanding.